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Dedicated Nursing professional with years of experience helping patients in the time of need, with a background in nursing assistant along with years of experience as a dialysis technician in the clinic setting. My goal is to continuously make patients feel comfortable while monitoring for any medical complications and technical problems. An exceptional leader with an aptitude for collaboration and communication. Aiming to leverage my experience and knowledge to effectively execute professional nursing and contribute to the company in all positive aspects of caring for my patients.

Authorized to work in the US for any employer

Work Experience

Licensed Practical Nurse (Adult Trach/ Vent Nurse)

Exceptional Living Centers (Allis Care Center) - Milwaukee, WI

April 2020 to Present

- Makes daily rounds on assigned unit
- Ensures proper communication of resident care matters.
- Ensures provision of resident care. This includes but is not limited to: developing appropriate and consistent care assignments with modifications, as necessary, monitoring care given and task completion, and providing care by taking/recording vital signs, food intake and output, properly administering medication, and using medical equipment and supplies, as needed.
- Maintain airway patency by giving tracheostomy care
- Administering g-tube feedings
- Responding accordingly to high-low pressure alarms
- Maintains proper documentation. This includes but is not limited to: completing required documentation of care and services delivered during shift, assessments, special circumstances, change(s) in condition, and accident/incident reports.
- Reports relevant information to the Director of Nursing/designee including but not limited to interdisciplinary team functioning and communication, regulatory compliance issues, resident risk factors, changes in resident behavior, expressed dissatisfaction by resident or family, refusals of treatment, injuries, staff behavior, staffing needs, equipment and supply needs.

Licensed Practical Nurse (Rehabilitation/Skilled Unit)

Newcastle Place - Mequon, WI

October 2019 to January 2020

- Managed the care for max 18 geriatric/rehabilitative patients alongside a Nursing Supervisor and several delegated CNA's
- Prepared and administered controlled substances via oral, sublingual, intradermal, sub-Q, topical, and inhalation routes, and served as key holder of the drug inventory and supply
- Utilized aseptic and clean techniques to provide sterilized wound care and dressing application

- Performed functional assessments and physical examinations for patients upon admission and discharge, and reported changes in patient condition to ensure that issues requiring immediate attention were addressed
- Oversaw CNA's duties; delegated shift assignments, charted shift events, and communicated with RN supervisor and physicians to ensure adequate coverage was maintained for the floor
- Established and maintained open lines of communications between healthcare team and patients

Dialysis Technician (Outpatient Clinic)

DaVita - Milwaukee, WI

September 2016 to January 2020

- Perform & record patient observations (vital signs- BP, pulse, respirations, weight, etc.)
- Obtain blood samples/culture specimens & prepared for shipment.
- Perform venipuncture of dialysis access using aseptic technique.
- Calculated & adjusted fluid removal rates of patients per protocol & prescription.
- Administered heparin & Saline to patient as needed
- Performed sterile and non-sterile dressing changes of catheter site.
- Collaborated with RN in identifying & meeting patient education goals.

CNA - Certified Nursing Assistant (Nursing Home)

Cameo Care Center - Milwaukee, WI

March 2016 to August 2016

- Assists the RN with the daily care of patients including bathing, oral hygiene, repositioning, ambulation, and feeding. Maintains and orders stock for nursing area; cleans equipment and work areas.
- Performs various patient positioning and transporting duties, which require lifting and pushing/pulling, while utilizing proper technique and assistive devices.
- I was able to demonstrate and perform the basic nursing skill that were used to assist the RN

CNA - Certified Nursing Assistant (Neuro Unit)

St. Lukes Medical Center - Milwaukee, WI

October 2015 to February 2016

- Provides direct basic patient care in the clinical setting under the daily direction and supervision of the Registered Nurse (RN).
- Performs delegated tasks in the patient care setting that support the environment of patient care.
- Assists the RN with the daily care of patients.
- Maintain timely and accurate computer and written documentation per facility policy
- Performs various patient positioning and transporting duties, which require lifting and pushing/pulling, while utilizing proper technique and assistive devices.

Team Member

Taco Bell - Milwaukee, WI

June 2013 to October 2015

Responsibilities

- Maintained high standards of customer service during high-volume, fast-paced operations
- Communicated clearly and positively with coworkers and management
- Mastered point-of-service (POS) computer system for automated order taking
- Handled currency and credit transactions quickly and accurately

Education

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Herzing University - Brookfield, WI

January 2020 to July 2022

Diploma in Practical Nursing

Herzing University - Milwaukee, WI

September 2018 to August 2019

High School Diploma

Wisconsin Lutheran High School - Milwaukee, WI

August 2011 to May 2015

Certifications and Licenses

Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)

September 2019 to September 2021

Certified Clinical Hemodialysis Technician (CCHT)

December 2017 to December 2020

Practical Nursing

December 2019

CPR Certification

February 2021 to 2023